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TOWARDS THE END OF NOVEMBER THE COLD
132/166/226 became on a ſudden ſo ſevere, that in a few days the rivers were all frozen, even the Bolchaïa-reka, which ſeldom happens, becauſe of the extreme rapidity of its current. The next day it got rid of the ice that covered it, and from that time I ſaw no more ſtop before Bolcheretſk, lower than the houſe of the governor. Though frozen in various places, it preſents a great number chaſms, where the water is ſeen to flow as uſual.

On each ſhore of the peninſula, there is a ſenſible difference in the atmoſphere. During the fine weather, a drought prevailed at Saint Peter and Saint Paul's, whereas at Bolcheretſk they complained of frequent ſhowers; meanwhile autumn had not proved this year more rainy than common. Very heavy rains are injurious in this country, becauſe they occaſion floods, which drive the fiſh from the rivers; a famine moſt diſtreſſing to the poor Kamtſchadales

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132 ſchadales is the reſult, as it happened laſt
166 yea- in all the villages along the weſtern
226 coaſt of the peninſula. This dreadful calamity occurs ſo frequently in this quarter, that the inhabitants are obliged to abandon their dwellings, and repair with their families to the borders of the Kamtſchatka, where they hope to find better reſources,
000 fiſh being more plentiful in this river. M. Kaſloff had intended to proceed along the weſtern coaſt, having already made his viſit through the eaſt; but the news of this famine determined him, contrary to his wiſhes, to return, rather than be driven to the neceſſity of ſtopping half way, or periſhing with hunger from the difficulty of procuring dogs and proviſion.

132 The wind varied conſiderably during my reſidence at Bolcheretſk; it was moſt commonly weſt, north-weſt, or north-eaſt; it blew ſometimes from the ſouth, but ſeldom from

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166 AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING WE HAD LEFT
361 ſight of Khaluli, and paſſed an old village of the ſame name, which had been lately deſerted on account of its bad ſituation. Farther on we found ſome more deſolated habitations, formerly the oſtrog of Ivaſchkin, and which had been removed, for a ſimilar reaſon, thirty werſts from its former ſituation. We came again to the ſea, and travelled for ſome time on the eaſtern coaſt. It forms another bay at this place, which I was deſirous of examining, but was, as before, prevented by the fog. I obſerved that the fog cleared up in proportion as the wind veered to the north-eaſt, which had hitherto been weſt and north-weſt.

361 Ivaſchkin is forty werſts from Khaluli, and very near to the ſea. It contains two yourts and ſix balagans, and is ſituated upon a ſmall river of the ſame name, which was entirely frozen, as was alſo one that we had juſt paſſed.